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Summary

This report contains information on organizational and procedural matters relating to the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts and the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change between September 2025 and July 2026. Substantive information on the progress of work of the Executive Committee and under the Santiago network respectively will be provided in two addenda, to be published prior to the sixty-fifth sessions of the subsidiary bodies, while a third addendum will contain the voluntary guidelines prepared by the Executive Committee for enhancing the collection and management of relevant data and information to inform the preparation of their biennial transparency reports.

I. Introduction

A. Mandate

1. At its nineteenth session the Conference of the Parties (COP) established the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (WIM) to address loss and damage associated with the impacts of climate change, including extreme events and slow onset events, in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change and established the Executive Committee to guide the implementation of the functions of the WIM.¹ Article 8, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement provides that the WIM shall be subject to the authority and guidance of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA).
2. COP 19 requested the Executive Committee to report annually to the COP through the subsidiary bodies and to make recommendations, as appropriate.²
3. CMA 2 established, as part of the WIM, the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change to catalyse the technical assistance of relevant organizations, bodies, networks and experts for the implementation of relevant approaches at the local, national and regional level in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.³
4. The terms of reference of the Santiago network⁴ provide that the Santiago network secretariat will prepare an annual report on activities of the Santiago network secretariat and under the Santiago network and on the performance of their respective functions and submit it to the Advisory Board of the Santiago network for its consideration and approval, and that the approved report will be forwarded to the UNFCCC secretariat for inclusion in the joint annual report of the Santiago network and the Executive Committee submitted to the governing body or bodies through the subsidiary bodies.⁵

B. Scope

5. This report contains information on organizational and procedural matters, including meetings and events, relating to the Executive Committee and its thematic expert groups (three expert groups, a technical expert group and a task force) between 1 October 2025 and 20 July 2026, and to the Santiago network, including its Advisory Board, network of member organizations, bodies, networks and experts, and secretariat, between 7 September 2025 and 20 July 2026.
6. Three addenda will follow:
 - (a) The first containing substantive information on the progress of work of the Executive Committee, including through the activities of its thematic expert groups, between November 2025 and 30 September 2026, including the outcomes of the 24th meeting of the Committee (ExCom 24) and ExCom 25;
 - (b) The second containing substantive information on the progress of work under the Santiago network, including synthesized information from organizations, bodies, networks and experts on progress in providing technical assistance to developing countries under the network, between 5 September 2025 and 1 October 2026. It will include details on the outcomes of the 6th meeting of the Advisory Board, as well as an overview of the outcomes of the 7th meeting of the Advisory Board, scheduled to take place from 29 September to 1 October 2026;

¹ Decision [2/CP.19](#), paras. 1–2. The functions of the WIM are set out in para. 5 of that decision.

² Decision [2/CP.19](#), para. 3.

³ Decision [2/CMA.2](#), para. 43. That decision was noted in decision [2/CP.25](#).

⁴ Decision [12/CMA.4](#), annex I. That decision was endorsed in decision [11/CP.27](#).

⁵ Paras. 18–19 of the terms of reference of the Santiago network; see para. 18 of those terms of reference for the full list of information to be included in the annual report.

(c) The third containing the voluntary guidelines prepared by the Executive Committee for enhancing the collection and management of relevant data and information to inform the preparation of their biennial transparency reports.⁶

C. Possible action by the subsidiary bodies

7. The subsidiary bodies may wish to consider the information in this report and its addenda and recommend draft conclusions or draft decisions on the basis of the work of the Executive Committee and under the Santiago network for consideration and adoption by the appropriate body or bodies.⁷

II. Organizational and procedural matters

A. Chairing and membership

1. Executive Committee

8. Ashley Codner (Jamaica) was elected on 27 April 2026 to serve as Co-Chair of the Executive Committee for a term of one year.

9. At COP 30, Rita Mishaan (Guatemala) and Hamid Abakar Souleymane (Chad) were elected, and Tamim Alothimin (Saudi Arabia) and Kulthoum Motsumi (Botswana) were re-elected, as members of the Committee. Judith Torres (Uruguay) was nominated effective 6 January 2026 to fill a seat for which the nomination was pending from CMA 6, and Emiko Matsuda (Japan) was nominated effective 1 April 2026 to replace a member who resigned on 12 March 2025. Following the conclusion of their respective terms, Silke Mason Westphal (European Union) replaced Stella Brozek-Evaert (European Union) on 13 April 2026 and Thomas Cameron (Canada) replaced Emily Vallée Watt (Canada) on 24 April 2026, as members of the Committee. Noralene M. Uy (Philippines) replaced Paulette Bynoe (Guyana) as a member of the Committee on 27 April 2026 in accordance with the agreement under the rotation arrangement to serve one term of membership between them. As at 20 July 2026, nominations were pending for nine positions on the Committee, with the current members remaining in office until their successors have been elected, and one position for a member from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention was vacant.⁸

2. Thematic expert groups of the Executive Committee

10. The Executive Committee catalyses the provision of technical knowledge and expertise and support relevant to the five strategic workstreams of its five-year rolling workplan⁹ from under and outside the UNFCCC process, including through five thematic expert groups that operate under the workstreams. The establishment of two of the groups, namely the task force on displacement and the expert group on action and support, was mandated by the CMA, and the other three groups, namely the expert groups on slow onset events, non-economic losses and comprehensive risk management, were established in the context of the corresponding strategic workstreams of the five-year rolling workplan. The members of the Committee co-facilitate the work of the thematic expert groups. Further, the Committee is represented on the Advisory Board of the Santiago network by two of its members.

11. The thematic expert groups comprise individual experts as well as representatives of UNFCCC constituted bodies (namely the Adaptation Committee, the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and the Standing Committee on Finance) and external organizations;

⁶ See decision [1/CMA.5](#), para. 133.

⁷ Nothing in this report or regarding its issuance prejudices Parties' views or prejudges outcomes on matters related to the governance of the WIM.

⁸ A list of the current members of the Executive Committee is available at <https://unfccc.int/process/bodies/constituted-bodies/wim-excom/members>.

⁹ See [FCCC/SB/2022/2/Add.2](#), annex I.

together, they are referred to as technical experts. As at 20 July 2026, 77 technical experts were engaged as members of one or more of the thematic expert groups, 16 of whom were also serving as members of the Santiago network and 18 of whom were representing UNFCCC-accredited observer organizations.

3. Advisory Board of the Santiago network¹⁰

12. During its 6th meeting, the Advisory Board of the Santiago network elected Leona Hollasch (Germany) and Idy Niang (Senegal) as its Co-Chairs to serve for a term of one year.

13. During the reporting period, the two-year term of office ended for half of the members of the Advisory Board. As a result, at CMA 7 Maria Fernanda Souza (Uruguay) was elected as a new member, and Muriel Gschwend (Switzerland), Idy Niang, Eneida Rabdishta (Albania), Rachid Tahiri (Morocco) and Akio Takemoto (Japan) were re-elected as members. Also at CMA 7 it was decided that Karina Patricia Salinas Heredia (Ecuador) and Leona Hollasch would replace Ide Sosa (Belize) and Manuela Glass (Germany) respectively, filling two positions with a three-year term of office. On 25 February 2026, Aayush Dwivedi was nominated as the representative on the Advisory Board of children and youth non-governmental organizations, replacing Samuel Chijioke Okorie. On 18 May 2026, Elisa Calliari replaced Stella Brožek-Everaert and, on 19 May 2026, James Thonjo replaced Angela Rivera, filling the two positions reserved for members of the Executive Committee.

4. Members of the Santiago network

14. Following the approval of the guideline for the designation of organizations, bodies, networks and experts as members of the Santiago network¹¹ at the 2nd meeting of the Advisory Board, the Santiago network welcomed its first members in October 2024. The membership base has since expanded, representing a diverse range of expertise and regions.

15. As at 30 June 2026, the Santiago network comprised 212 members, namely 146 organizations, 3 bodies, 10 networks and 53 experts.¹² Membership spanned all regions, with 36 per cent of members based in Europe, 23 per cent in Asia, 20 per cent in Africa, 11 per cent in North and South America and 10 per cent in Oceania. The work of 55 per cent of members covered multiple regions, while the work of the remaining members was focused at the regional or national level in Asia (19 per cent), Africa (16 per cent), Oceania (6 per cent) and North and South America (4 per cent).

B. Meetings and events

16. Procedural information related to regular meetings of the Executive Committee and its thematic expert groups, and the Advisory Board of the Santiago network is provided below. Substantive information arising from meetings and events will be included in the respective addenda (see para. 6 above) in the context of reporting on the progress of work of the Executive Committee and under the Santiago network.

1. Executive Committee

17. Meetings of the Executive Committee are held in person with the option of virtual participation, open to observers and live streamed on YouTube. ExCom 24 took place from 28 April to 1 May 2026 in Bonn¹³ and ExCom 25 is scheduled to take place from 14 to 18 September 2026 in Majuro.¹⁴ During the reporting period, the Executive Committee convened five meetings of its thematic expert groups and the 4th annual meeting of all the

¹⁰ <https://santiago-network.org/about/advisory-board>.

¹¹ Available at <https://santiago-network.org/resources>.

¹² A list of the current members of the Santiago network is available at <https://santiago-network.org/about/members>.

¹³ See https://unfccc.int/event/WIM_ExCom24.

¹⁴ See https://unfccc.int/event/WIM_ExCom25.

thematic expert groups is scheduled to be convened in conjunction with ExCom 25. Further, the Executive Committee held or co-organized a number of events and technical sessions.¹⁵

2. Santiago network

18. The 6th meeting of the Advisory Board¹⁶ took place from 24 to 26 March 2026 in Geneva in hybrid format. The 7th meeting will take place from 29 September to 1 October 2026 in Tokyo. An exceptional meeting of the Advisory Board took place virtually on 12 February 2026.

19. Further, the Santiago network secretariat held a number of events and webinars during the reporting period, including to improve collaboration among members around the delivery of technical assistance.

¹⁵ Further details are available at <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/workstreams/loss-and-damage/workshop-and-meetings>.

¹⁶ See <https://santiago-network.org/sixth-advisory-board-meeting>.